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Serial No.: 10/655110

Filed: September 4, 2003

For: "Centrifuge for the Cleaning of

Lubricating Oil of an Internal Combustion

Engine"

Case No. 09796503-0155

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#### PETITION TO ACCORD FILING DATE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to have this application accorded a filing date of September 4, 2003. On that date a nonprovisional application was transmitted to the USPTO via Express Mail which included all of the necessary items to obtain a filing date. On May 14, 2004, the USPTO issued a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application stating, among other things, that a filing date was not accorded to this application, alleging that the application was deposited without drawings.

Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of the cover sheet form U-11 identifying that the application was being filed via Express Mail on September 4, 2003 under Express Mail Label No. EV5735401002. This sheet also identified that 17 pages of drawings were being submitted.

Attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Express Mail receipt, as filled out by the USPS showing that the package was accepted by the Postal Service on September 4, 2003.

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Attached as Exhibit 3 is a copy of the cover letter dated September 4, 2003, signed by the undersigned attorney for applicant, identifying that the attached application, including 15 claims (1 independent claim) and 17 sheets of drawings was being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Attached as Exhibit 4 is a copy of the postcard submitted with the application by applicant's attorney, and stamped as received with the serial number 10/655,110 and receipt date of September 4, 2003, and identifying that 17 sheets of drawings bearing Figure numbers 1-9 were submitted with the other application papers.

Attached as Exhibit 5 is a duplicate copy of the 17 sheets of drawings submitted to the USPTO on September 4, 2003 with the application, as noted above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the drawings were properly submitted with the rest of the application papers on September 4, 2003, and that this application should be accorded the filing date of September 4, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

However, in view of the fact that no defect existed with the original submission, with regard to the provision of drawings for the application, applicant submits that any petition fee charged be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,

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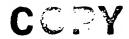
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Re:

Karl Große-Wiesmann U.S. patent entitled "CENTRIFUGE FOR THE CLEANING OF LUBRICATING OIL OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE", Our Reference 09796503-0155

Dear Sir:

I am filing the attached application, including 15 claims (1 independent), 17 sheets of drawings, un-executed Declaration, PTO-2038 Charge form for the filing fee in the amount of \$750.00 and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).

This application is being filed in the German language, the fee for which will be paid when the signed Declaration is filed.

Very truly yours,

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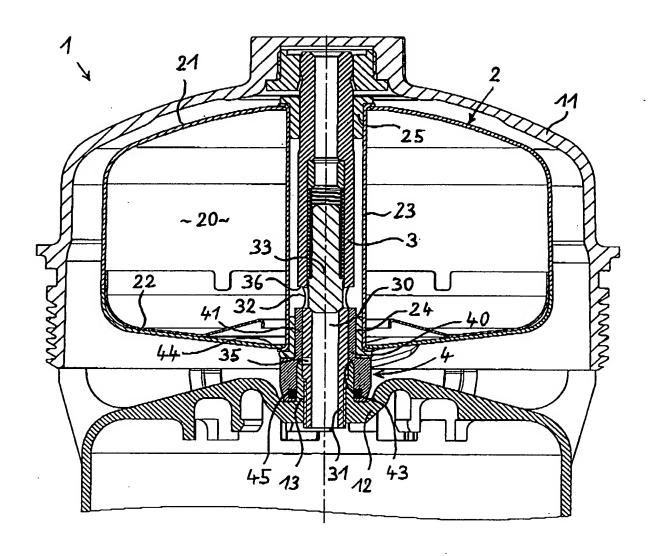


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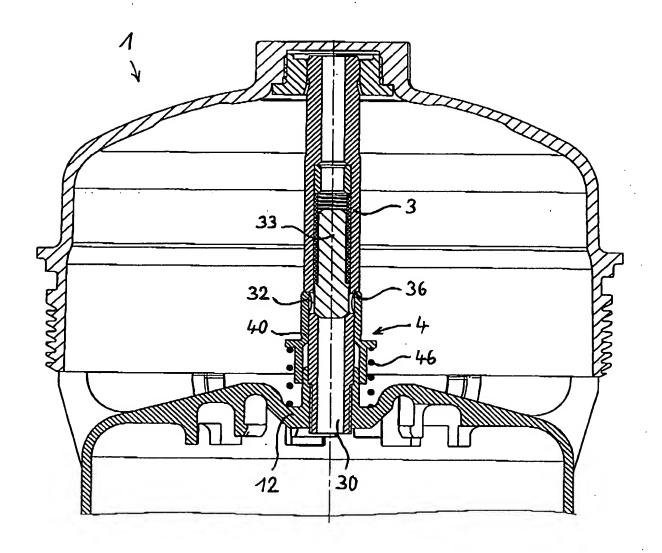
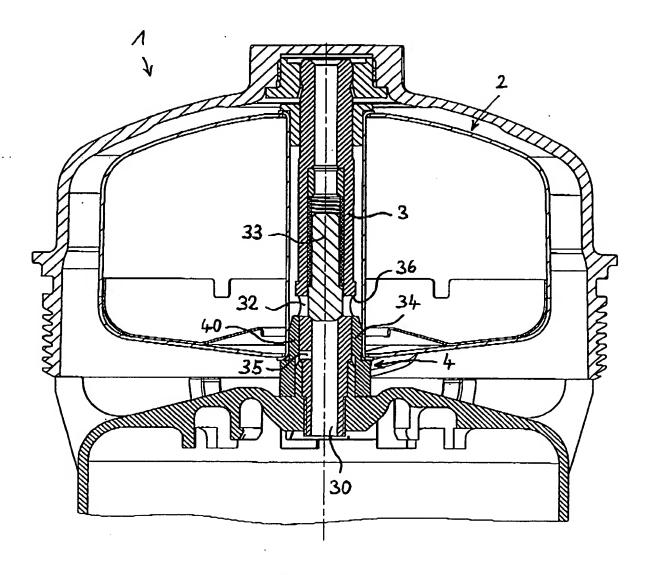
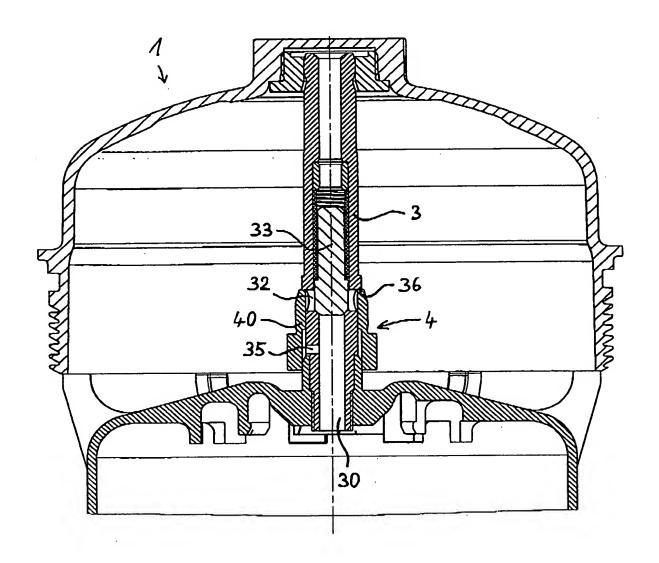


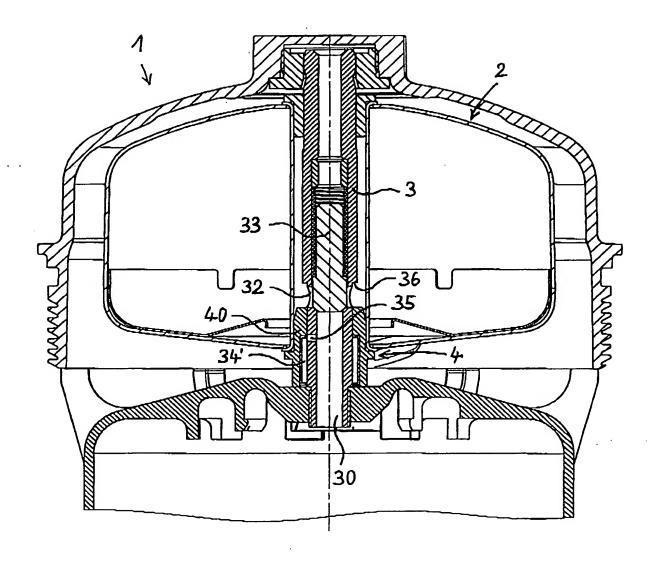
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<u>Fig. 3a</u>



<u>Fig. 3b</u>



<u>Fig. 4a</u>

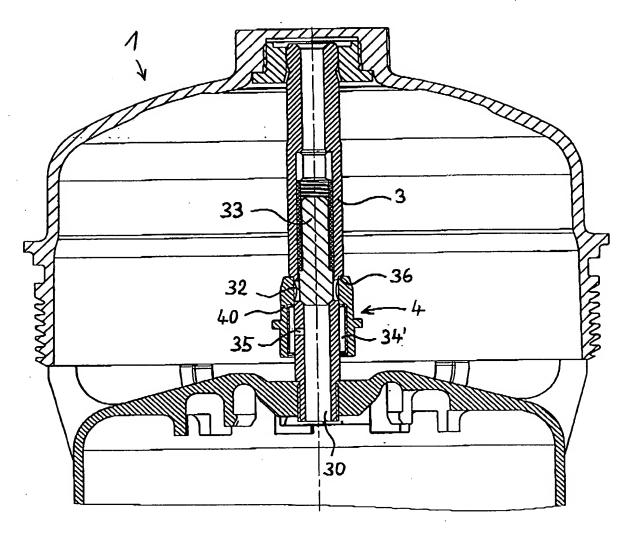


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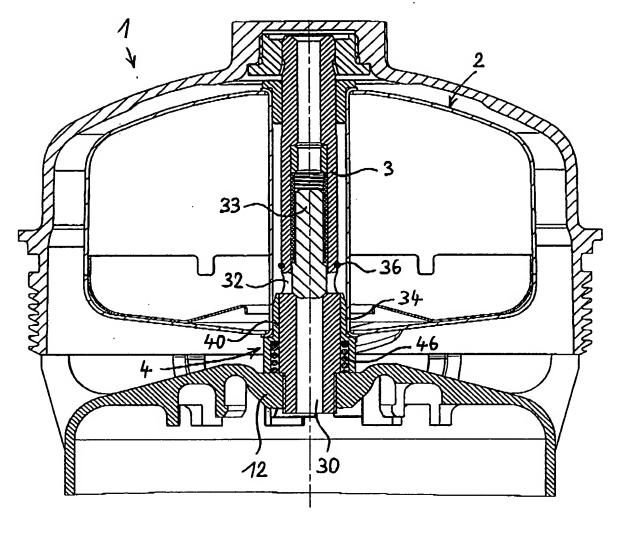


Fig. 5a

Fig. 5b

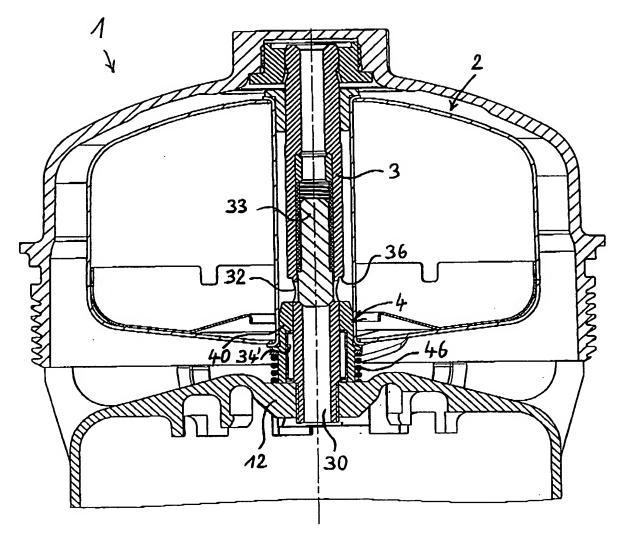
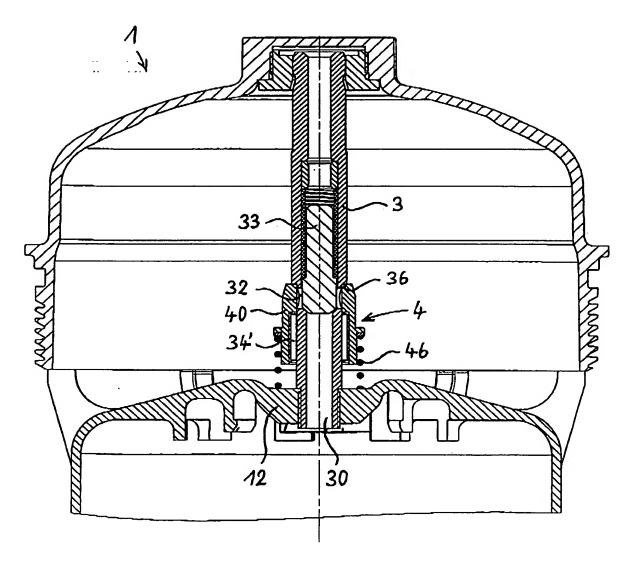


Fig. 6a



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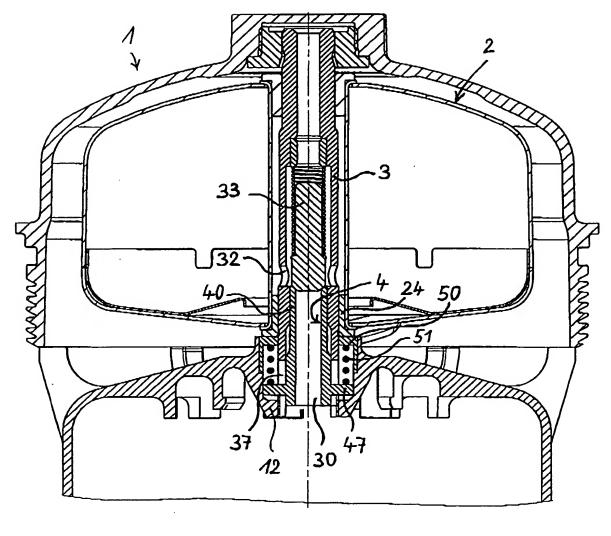


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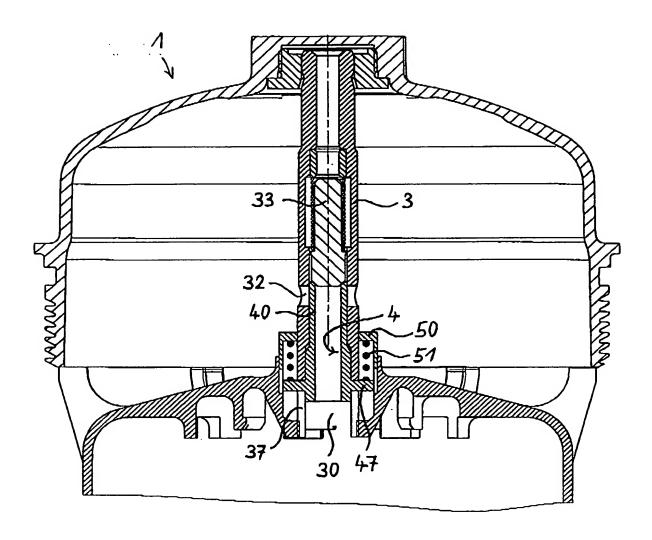


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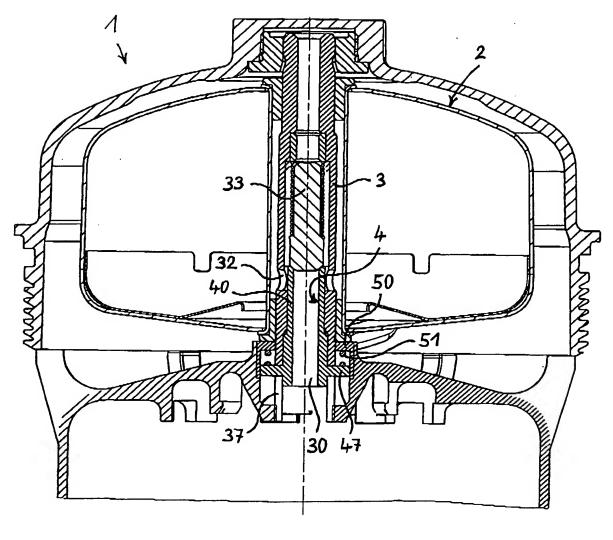
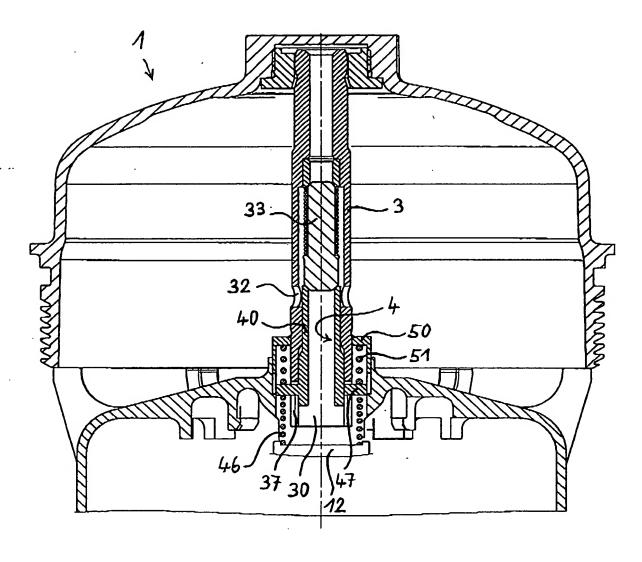


Fig. 7c

Fig. 8



<u>Fig. 9</u>